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VETERANS AND COMMUNITY FITNESS IN OKALOOSA COUNTY HIGHLIGHT OF STATE SURGEON GENERAL VISIT



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Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.— Today, State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong visited Okaloosa County to highlight the community's commitment to health as part of the Health in All Places Tour. The event featured a number of community leaders, residents and Okaloosa County Health Department employees who continue working together to promote health. Veterans were recognized for their contributions to health in the Okaloosa-area, and health department employees were encouraged to continue working with stakeholders to continue bringing fitness opportunities to residents.

The Health in All Places Tour is a chance for state, local and community leaders to come together to highlight what each coastal county has to offer when it comes to health. County Health Departments are located in each county and are charged with promoting health and providing necessary health services to their communities. This tour is a chance to highlight those services and how they move health forward in communities across Florida.

The department is offering free, broadcast-quality video for use by the media from this event. You'll find 40 seconds of video followed by two interviews at the FTP link http://ww10.doh.state.fl.us/pub/dohcomm/HIAP_OKALOOSA.mp4. Below is a suggested script followed by verbatim from the soundbytes.

OKALOOSA COUNTY IS BEING HIGHLIGHTED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS PART OF THE HEALTH IN ALL PLACES TOUR. TODAY, STATE SURGEON GENERAL AND SECRETARY OF HEALTH DOCTOR JOHN ARMSTRONG JOINED COMMUNITY LEADERS AS THEY HIGHLIGHTED VETERANS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING AS A COMMUNITY TO MOVE HEALTH FORWARD IN FLORIDA. THIS IS ONE STOP IN A COMPREHENSIVE COASTAL TOUR TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE MANY ACTIVITIES FLORIDA HAS TO OFFER THAT ALLOW RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET AND STAY HEALTHY.

NAME: Dr. John Armstrong/State Surgeon General/Florida Department of Health

LENGTH:16

OC: "for our veterans"

"We are proud to have military bases and coast guard stations across Florida, and what we do is to recognize the importance of health for military families and for uniform service men and women and for our veterans."

NAME: Mayor Mike Anderson/City of Fort Walton Beach

LENGTH: 14

OC: "support the military"

"We pride ourselves on being if not the most friendly then very close to the most friendly military community in the state and we do what we can to support the military."

TAG: THE TOUR CONTINUES TOMORROW IN BAY AND GULF COUNTIES WHERE HEALTH OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS WILL HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITIES GETTING ACTIVE.

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